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REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7, and 15 are pending in this application.

In the currently outstanding Office Communication, the Examiner states, "[t]he reply filed on 6/3/05 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because...Applicant did not elect a particular species of binder, a particular species of disintegrant and a particular species of filler as required by the Restriction requirement of 5/4/05."

In the Restriction Requirement mailed May 4, 2005, the Examiner stated, "[t]his application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: 1) binder, 2) disintegrant, 3) filler...Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species from 1, 2 and 3 above for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable. Currently, claims 1-28 are generic."

The Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner did not require election of a *particular species* of binder, disintegrant, or filler. Instead, the Examiner required election of binder, disintegrant, or filler.

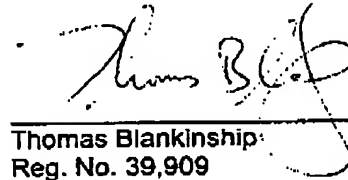
The Applicant elected species 1, binder and amended the claims to conform to the election.

Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that the Amendment transmitted on June 3, 2005 was fully responsive because the Applicant, in fact, made the required election of species.

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The Applicant respectfully requests that the Amendment transmitted on June 3, 2005 be entered and eagerly anticipates receipt of the first Office Action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,


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